(b) if so, whether Government propose to direct banks to utilize this unearned benefit for social and public utility services or some long-term infrastructures;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, how this money will benefit public interest and Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No, Sir. While rate cut on savings deposit has reduced interest outgo of banks by about Rs. 1243 crores, there has also been reduction in lending rates leading to less interest income.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Outsourcing of inspection by DCA

925. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the department of Company Affairs has been outsourcing work on inspection;

(b) if so, whether Section 209A of the Companies Act provides for such an arrangement;

(c) whether the DCA has already entrusted high profile and sensitive cases like Xerox Modicorp bribery allegations to outside agencies due to paucity of staff and accumulated workload;

(d) whether the Shardul Shroff Committee has recommended outsourcing of such inspection jobs by the DCA; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) No sir.

(c) An investigation under Section 237 of the Companies Act, 1956 into the affairs of M/s. Xerox Modicorp Limited has been entrusted to a firm of professionals.

(d) No such recommendation has been received at present.

(e) Does not arise.

Fiscal deficit of special category States

926. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise financial deficit of the special category States during financial years 2001-04;

(b) the States to whom one-time grant has been given to wipe out their financial deficit; and

(c) the other measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) A Statement is enclosed. *(See* below).

(b) No grants were given to any State to wipe out their initial deficit. However, Medium Term Non-Plan Loans were given during 2002-03 to the States of Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Orissa and West Bengal.

(c) Pursuant to the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commision,"Ministry of Finance has drafted a scheme called 'State' Fiscal Reforms Facility (2000-01 to 2004-05)' and also created an Incentive Fund for encouraging the States to undertake medium Term Fiscal Reforms Programme. States are expected to undertake a number of steps to achieve fiscal consolidation including debt sustainability over the reforms period.